

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Orville Downer
Randall Franke
Gary Tiffin

CHIEF OF AUTHORITY
J. Kevin Henson



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**WILLAMETTE VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

March 10, 2011
300 Cordon Rd NE, Salem
6:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Downer. In attendance were board members Randy Franke, Craig Anderson, and Gary Tiffin. Also present were Chief Henson, AC Robinson, BC Wineman, Karen Beckmann, Steve Downer, Bernie Otjen, Kris Boyer, Andi Batchelor, James and Sherry Mulhern, Bret and Laura Peterson, Josh Phillis, Bob Palmer, Steve Wertz, Jon Louthan, Bill Chambers, Wayne Weaver, Scott Seaton, Ryan Saltalamachia, Greg Stoll, Brad Eggen, Patrick Anderson, Bob Gerig, Bob Honyak, Greg Doeden, Jon Remy, Rebecca Shivers Singleterry, Cindy Brammer, Kathy Puckett, Jerrod Schuch, Mark Wiesner, Mike Anderson, Mick Linder, Chris Frank, Herb Swett (Keizertimes), and Anna Kraemer (recording secretary).

AGENDA: approved as presented.

MINUTES: Minutes of December 9, 2010 submitted for approval. Motion to approve by Director Franke. Seconded by Director Tiffin. Unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: No discussion

AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS, OUTSIDE VISITORS: None

INDIVIDUAL / ORGANIZATIONAL INPUT:

1. TFD Vol. Assoc.: No report given
2. MCFD Vol. Assoc.: Association President Dave Zahn reported that the Volunteer Breakfast is scheduled for this weekend, March 12-13 at Station 5, 7am – 1pm.
3. Local 2557: President Boyer reported that the Seattle Firefighter Stairclimb was a success. The total of funds raised should be available for the meeting next month. President Boyer then read a letter into record stating the Union's position on the investigation into Chief Henson's vehicle crash on Dec. 31st.
 - a. Director Franke stated that the Union's position has been heard previously; however the information from Mr. Stroud had not been heard before. He added that he respects the differences in opinion and that the concern for safety is of utmost importance to the board and that they will continue to see that this is done.
 - b. Director Tiffin added that the questions asked have been heard and that the board will take time to consider them.

CHIEF'S REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consideration of revised Personnel Policies and Procedure. Chief Robinson explained that the revisions to P&P were necessary to bring this document in line with the recently ratified collective bargaining agreement. In addition to CBA changes, revisions were made to pages 56 and 64 in regard to weapons policy. The words “without authorization” were removed. *Director Franke made a motion to adopt the Personnel Policies and Procedures with the stated revisions. Seconded by Director Anderson. Unanimous.*
2. Adoption of the budget calendar. *Director Anderson made a motion to adopt the budget calendar as presented. Seconded by Director Franke. Unanimous.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mark Wiesner read a letter into record questioning the Board’s decision on policy as it relates to weapons possession, as well as the Board’s action following the investigation into the vehicle crash.
2. Ted Campbell spoke on behalf of American’s For Prosperity and read a letter into record regarding AFP’s disagreement with the Union’s intent to have Chief Henson removed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Sherry Mulhern asked about the rationale behind the decision to assign a Battalion Chief as the investigator for the internal process. Chief Robinson stated that the Safety Committee Chairperson was contacted immediately. The chairperson was not comfortable with performing the investigation due to a brief period on the committee; the investigation was reassigned to the chairperson’s supervisor.
2. Bob Palmer asked if Chief Henson had been consulting Rural Metro Ambulance for contracted services. Chief Henson stated that he had early discussions with every neighboring service provider including RMA, Woodburn, Santiam, Jefferson, and Salem Fire and that no negotiations were taking place and no proposals have been put in writing. There have not been discussions on this subject for several months.
3. Volunteer Tim McClaughry stated that the Volunteer Association cast a vote of no confidence in Chief Henson. Director Franke sought clarification from Volunteer Association President Dave Zahn. President Zahn corrected; the vote failed a two-thirds majority, 24-20. President Zahn invited those interested to attend the Volunteer Association meeting on March 14th at 7:00 pm.
4. Director Anderson noted that there were individuals who spoke and did not sign up on the public comment roster. He requested that for future meetings, those wishing to provide comment are asked to sign up.

Adjourn: 7:09 pm

Next Meeting: April 14, 2011, 6:30 pm, 300 Cordon Rd NE, Salem.

Board President

Board Secretary